

Village of Bensenville
Board Room
12 South Center Street
Bensenville, Illinois 60106
Counties of DuPage and Cook

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 1. President DeSimone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 2. Upon roll call by Village Clerk, Nancy Quinn, the following Board Members were present:

President DeSimone, Carmona, Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Staff Present: E. Summers, S. Flynn, M. Leyva, F. Palumbo, K. Pozsgay, D. Schulze, C. Williamson

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Paul DeMichele – 17W275 Rodeck Lane, Bensenville, Illinois**
Mr. DeMichele addressed the Village Board regarding residency requirements in the Village Manager's Contract and the proposed ordinance for 800 West Irving Park Road on the Agenda.

Natalia Jarczyk – 500 South York Road, Bensenville, Illinois

Ms. Jarczyk addressed the Village Board regarding damages to her vehicle from golfers at White Pines Golf Course. *Ms. Jarczyk was advised to address the issue at a Bensenville Park District Board Meeting.*

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:**

4. The February 27, 2024 Village Board Meeting minutes were presented.

Motion: Trustee Lomax made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Frey seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

WARRANT NO.

24/4:

5. President DeSimone presented **Warrant No. 24/4** in the amount of \$1,631,967340.

Motion: Trustee Perez made a motion to approve the warrant as presented. Trustee Frey the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion:

6. Trustee Panicola made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Lomax seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance No.

5-2024:

Ordinance of the Village of Bensenville, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois Authorizing a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Agreement by and Between the Village of Bensenville and A & E Luxury Developments, LLC for Property Located at 800 West Irving Park Road, Bensenville, Illinois. (Consent Agenda)

Director of Community and Economic Development, Kurtis Pozsgay stated the Village published request for alternative proposals in the Bensenville Independent on February 15, 2024, and did not receive any inquiries or proposals by the deadline on March 7, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Motion:

Trustee Panicola made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Lomax seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution No.

R-40-2024:

7. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-40-2024** entitled a **Resolution Authorizing and Granting Authority the Village Manager to Execute a Natural Gas Purchase Agreement for the Village of Bensenville with Constellation Energy.**

Village Manager, Evan Summers, stated due to the time sensitivity of seeking and executing utility rates, this agenda item will grant authority to the Village Manager to proceed in minimizing the Village's natural gas rates. Mr. Summers stated Constellation will be providing us with a new rate on Tuesday, March 12th before the meeting.

Mr. Summers stated utility rates are continuously changing. Mr. Summers stated the time sensitivity of the current rate and potential savings will be presented at the meeting by the Village Manager. Mr. Summers stated The Resolution, once approved will grant the authority to the Village Manager to act on natural gas rates from Constellation for the Village of Bensenville.

Mr. Summers stated he will be executing the agreement on March 13, 2024 for 24 months at a rate of \$.404 per term.

Motion:

Trustee Lomax made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Frey seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS:**

President DeSimone read the following statement:

While my most visible job is being the mayor of this town, my most important job is being a parent to my two children. Like many parents in this community over the past week, my wife and I have had challenging conversations with our children about the allegations of teacher misconduct at Fenton High School.

I share the concerns voiced by Fenton parents and students alike. I have full confidence in the Bensenville Police Department and their ongoing investigation into the matter. The safety and security of our children is paramount.

Police Chief, Dan Schultze, read the following statement:

In October of 2023, Bensenville police were made aware of an alleged crime that occurred at least seven years prior at Fenton High School. In the five months since that report was taken, we have been conducting an investigation into the allegations and once completed will turn our findings over to the DuPage County State's Attorney's office. Portions of our investigation were released through a Freedom of Information Act request and this investigation remains ongoing. If anyone has any information on this matter, we encourage you to contact the Bensenville Police Department.

**MANAGERS
REPORT:**

Village Manager, Evan Summers had no report.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY
REPORT:**

Village Attorney, P. Joseph Montana, stated he had no Village Attorney Report.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

Village Attorney, Joseph Montana, called for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Property Acquisition (5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (5). No actions will take place as a result of the discussions.

Motion:

Trustee Franz made a motion to recess the meeting and go into executive session. Trustee Lomax seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

President DeSimone recessed the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

President DeSimone called the meeting back to order at 6:53 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call by Village Clerk, Nancy Quinn, the following Board Members were present:

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President DeSimone, Carmona, Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Perez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Carmona seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

President DeSimone adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Nancy Quinn
Village Clerk

PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville this 26th day, March 2024